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TAGS: EPAP, RP, US

SUBJECT: U.S. SUGAR POLICY - NEGOTIATION OF NEW ISA

REFS: A. STATE 81086, B. MANILA 5391

1. WE ARE TOLD BY EB THAT OUR REFTEL (A) ON DIRECTION U.S. SUGAR POLICY PROVIDED EMBASSY MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION THAN THAT GIVEN OTHER SUGAR PRODUCING POSTS, OR FOR THAT MATTER WHAT HAS BEEN GIVEN EVEN TO U.S. SUGAR INDUSTRY ADVISORS. UP TO NOW, THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN HELD FAIRLY TIGHTLY WITHIN USG, APART FROM GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BRIEFINGS WHERE STATE PRESENTATION HAS BEEN IN FORM OF "DISCUSSION POINTS" PRIOR TO FORMAL U.S. UNVEILING OF FULL PARTICULARS AND DRAFT PROPOSAL AT ISA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, OPENING APRIL 18. ACCORDINGLY, FOR TIME BEING REFTEL (A) CONTENTS SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN ORAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP OFFICIALS AND IS NOT FOR TRADE OR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION.

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2. OUTLINE OF NEW U.S. SUGAR POLICY IS LIKELY TO EMERGE SHORTLY FROM ANOTHER QUARTER. THIS MORNING (APRIL 14), EB WAS INFORMED THAT "JOURNAL OF COMMERCE" WILL RUN STORY (PROBABLY APRIL 18) BASED ON LEAK FROM USDA. WHEN IT APPEARS, TEXT WILL BE CABLED TO YOU ALONG WITH PRESS GUIDANCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE JUST NOW LEARNED THAT THE "COMMODITIES NEWS SERVICE" ALREADY HAS PUT OUT A DISPATCH

WHICH REPORTEDLY COVERS THE SAME POINTS.

3. IN MEANTIME, PHILIPPINE EMBASSY INDICATES THAT BENEDICTO'S PREOCCUPATION WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR UPCOMING MARCOS STATE VISIT TO JAPAN WILL PRECLUDE HIS ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED BY MANILA OF NAME OR TIMING OF WASHINGTON ARRIVAL OF GOP OFFICIAL (IF HE IS STILL COMING) MENTIONED REFTEL (A), PARA 4(D). SINCE MEMBERS U.S. DELEGATION, LED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ, WILL HAVE LEFT OR BE DEPARTING APRIL 16, GOP SUGAR REPS SHOULD SEEK EARLY MEETING IN GENEVA FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON OUR ISA PROPOSAL.

4. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.

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